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August 18, 2004

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REFUND REQUEST

The Office is requested to refund the undersigned's Deposit Account for the \$288 extra claim fee debited to Deposit Account No. 14-1140 in the monthly statement of July 2004, copy attached. A further explanation of the charge is requested in the event the Patent Office continues to believe the charge was appropriately made.

The noted fee should not have been charged to the undersigned's Deposit Account since the Amendment filed July 14, 2004 does not contain more than 95 claims which was the total number of claims previously paid for in the Amendment filed August 8, 2003. A copy of the Amendment Cover Sheet filed August 8, 2003, which indicates the extra claim fee payment of \$1278 is attached. Accordingly, in view of the above and attached, the \$288 fee charged by the Patent Office to the undersigned's Deposit Account in the attached Statement of July 2004 is believed to be in error and refund of these amounts is requested.

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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

☐ Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached.

Fees are attached as calculated below:

Total effective claims after amendment	95	minus highest number			
previously paid for	24	(at least 20) =	71	x	\$ 18.00
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previously paid for	6	(at least 3) =	0	x	\$ 84.00
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If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$280.00 (ignore improper)					\$ 0.00
Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$410.00/2 months; \$930.00/3 months)					\$ 0.00
Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add \$ 110.00					\$ 0.00
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